

## BRUNNER'S GENUS METALEPTEA.

LINNÉ, Syst. nat., ed. xii, I, ii, 692 (1767), placed in *Acrida* (as a division of *Gryllus*) the species *nasutus*, *turritus*, and *brevicornis*. Fabricius, Syst. entom., 279 (1775) substituted *Truxalis* (as a distinct genus) for *Acrida*, placing in it the species *nasutus* (with *turritus* as variety) and *brevicornis*, the identical species and those only employed by Linné. *Truxalis* alone came into general use; but Stål, Rec. Orthopt., i (1873), first separated the above species into distinct genera, placing in *Acrida* among others the species *turrita* (96) and *nasuta* (99) and in *Tryxalis* the single species *brevicornis* (104). Brunner (Rév. syst. Orthopt. 118, 1893) uses *Tryxalis* for the species placed by Linné and Stål in *Acrida*, and proposes *Metaleptea* for *brevicornis*, but Stål was first on the ground, and Brunner's name must fall as superfluous.

This conclusion was also reached by McNeil in his recent Revision of the *Tryxalinae* (see Proc. Dav. acad. nat. sc., vi, 211.)

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## AMOSIA PLEXIPPUS IN AUSTRALIA.

The South Australian Register of Sept. 23, 1897, contains some notes from the entomologist's department of the South Australian museum which announce, among other things, the gift of "the naturalized American butterfly, *Danais erippus*, whose caterpillar or larva feeds exclusively on plants of the family *Asclepiadaceae*, which were, however, originally absent from this part of Australia. Its establishment here, therefore, depends mainly upon that of a Cape plant, the 'cotton bush' (*Gomphocarpum fruticosum*). Both plant and butterfly are now widely distributed in South Australia."

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